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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, LA, US

SUBJECT: FOOD ASSISTANCE TO LAOS

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO LPDR FOREIGN  
MINISTRY FOR YOUR COMMENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERI-  
CA HAS THE HONOR TO PRESENT ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINIS-  
TRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC RE-  
PUBLIC AND TO RESPOND TO THE LETTER OF JANUARY 4 FROM THE  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE RE-  
GARDING THE FOOD SITUATION IN LAOS.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT  
PRESIDENT CARTER HAS DECIDED TO FURNISH 10,000 TONS OF RICE  
TO THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AS A HUMANITARIAN  
RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOOD ASSIST-  
ANCE. THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE THROUGH  
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THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM. IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT THE RICE  
WILL REACH LAOS BY THE END OF AUGUST. COMPLIMENTARY  
CLOSE. END TEXT.

4. CHARGE WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ORALLY UPON  
DELIVERY OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

--THE USG IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER FURTHER HUMANITARIAN FOOD AID LATER THIS YEAR IF THE LPDR DEMONSTRATES THAT AFTER THE INITIAL 10,000 TONS OF RICE HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY DISTRIBUTED TO THE NEEDY, ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FROM INTERNATIONAL DONORS IS STILL REQUIRED.

--CONSIDERATION BY THE USG OF FURTHER FOOD AID WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE STATE OF US/LPDR RELATIONS AT THAT TIME.

--UNLESS THE LPDR PERCEIVES OBJECTION, WE PROPOSE TO ANNOUNCE THIS DONATION PUBLICLY ON JUNE 2, 12 NOON WASHINGTON TIME.

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED MAY 27,1978  
SENT VIENTIANE IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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